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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 December 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because in figure 3, disclosed on lines 15-16 of page 3 as “a right-side view of the preferred embodiment”, does not include 270 shown in figures 1 and 2, and “two wheel members 7”, on line 1 of page 4. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: In figure 4 “support member unit 3” (P: 7, L: 34-25), “second support members ... 32” (P: 7, L: 27), “horizontal bars ... 321” (P: 8, L: 1), “upright posts 312, 322, 313, 323” (P: 8, L: 2-3), “second pin projection 36 projects upwardly” (P: 8, L: 5), “cook unit 2” (P: 8, L: 13), “second positioning grooves 26, 26” (P: 8, L: 20-21), and “positioning hole 24 and the notch 252” (P: 8, L: 23-24) are missing. In figures 4 and 5, “horizontal bars ... 321” (P: 9, L: 1) and “hook projections 521” (P: 9, L: 4) are missing. In figure 6 “top cover 23” (P: 9, L: 9) and “cooking base 21” are missing. In figure 7 “second connecting rod 33” (P: 10, L: 9-10) “retaining block 54” (P: 10, L: 10), and “receiving space 31” (P: 10, L: 31) are missing. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: In line 25 of page 4 "bar" should be –bars–.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: In line 26 of page 14 "said support unit" should be –said second support unit–. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Wu (D465, 691) discloses the design patent of the present invention. Wu (2003/0106546) and Wu (D460, 658) disclose the pre-grant publication and the design patent of a barbecue grill having a removable cook unit that fits underneath and into a U-shaped supports, but does not have a retaining frame that pivots about a connecting rod between the U-shaped supports. R.S. Linstead (3,386,430), Chiu (6,205,912), and Ward et al (6,439,221) disclose collapsible barbecue grills having wheels. Baynes et al (5,050,577), Skidmore et al (5,832,915), DeMars (6,606,987), and DeMars (2002/0069866) disclose barbecues having cook units that fit underneath the support.

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This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Formal objections are made to the drawings, specification, and claim 5.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

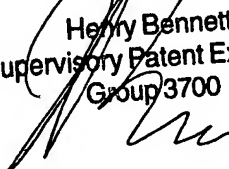
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James G. Barrow whose telephone number is (703) 305-5427. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M..

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